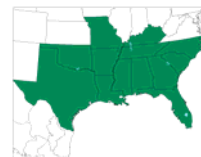


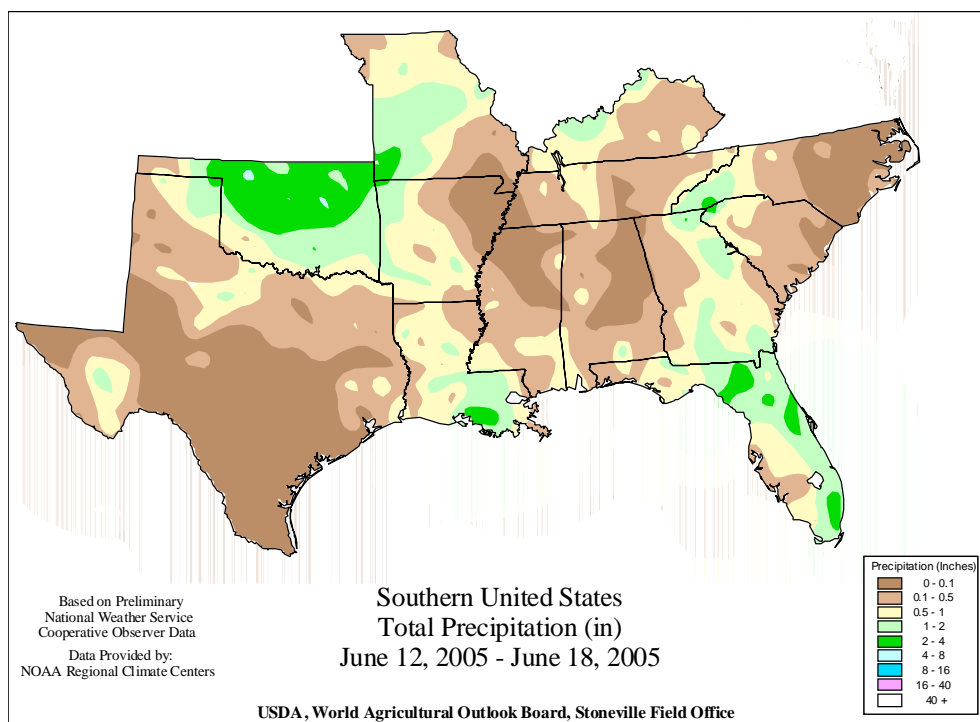


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WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER REPORT

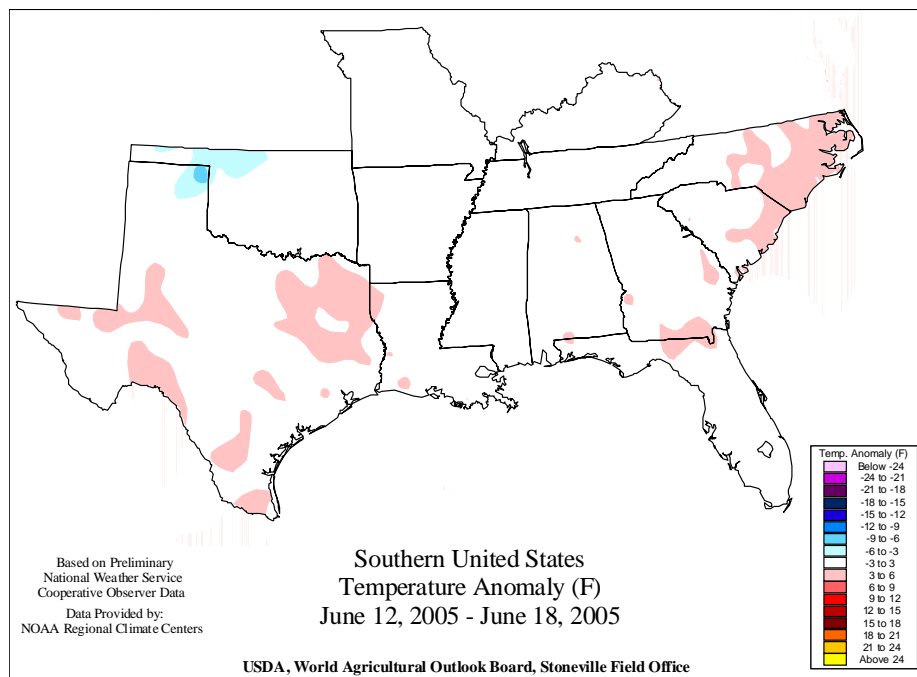
June 12 to 18, 2005



Weather Highlights

Showers and thunderstorms produced the highest amounts of rain in Oklahoma, western Missouri, southern Louisiana and Florida. Some of the storms were locally severe which recorded rain amounts of 2 to 4 inches. Other areas of those states received between .50 to 2 inches of rain, as well as Arkansas and Georgia. Most of Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and the Carolinas received less than .50 inches of rainfall.

Weekly temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees F above normal in parts of Texas and along the East Coast, which continued to increase evaporation rates. Temperatures in spotty areas of the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles averaged 3 to 6 degrees F below normal, due to daily cloud cover from storms and a late-week cold front. Elsewhere, weekly temperatures averaged near normal.



Parts of the Mississippi Delta received rainfall, while other areas remained dry. Most locations received less than .50 inches of rain, although North Issaquena received 1.45 inches on Friday, June 17. Other areas in the upper and lower Delta recorded no rainfall, increasing irrigation demands as temperatures remained above 90 degrees F. However, a cooler airmass brought relief from the hot weather with daily maximums ranging in the upper 70's to mid 80's and evening lows falling to the low to mid 60's.

Agricultural Summary

United States Crop Progress Report*

Week Ending

		June 19, 2005	June 12, 2005	June 19, 2004	2000-2004 Average
		Percent			
Cotton	Planted	97	94	97	97
	Squaring	28	16	38	36
	Setting Bolls	4	NA	6	7
	Percent (Good to Excellent)	63	60	66	---
Corn	Percent (Good to Excellent)	68	67	70	---
Rice	Headed	1	NA	4	5
	Percent (Good to Excellent)	62	61	69	---
Soybeans	Planted	96	94	95	94
	Emerged	92	85	89	88
	Percent (Good to Excellent)	63	64	67	---

*Source: USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

"---" = Not Reported

Cotton:

Sixty-three percent of the crop progress was rated in good to excellent condition, which is up 3 points from last week. Squaring advanced 12 points from last week, and up to 24 points in Mississippi. Louisiana, Georgia, and Alabama reported cotton setting bolls, with Texas leading all states at 8 percent.

Corn:

Sixty-eight percent of the crop was estimated to be in good to excellent condition, up 1 point from last week. Silking progressed rapidly, especially in Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Arkansas. There were signs of doughing in the southern states of Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas.

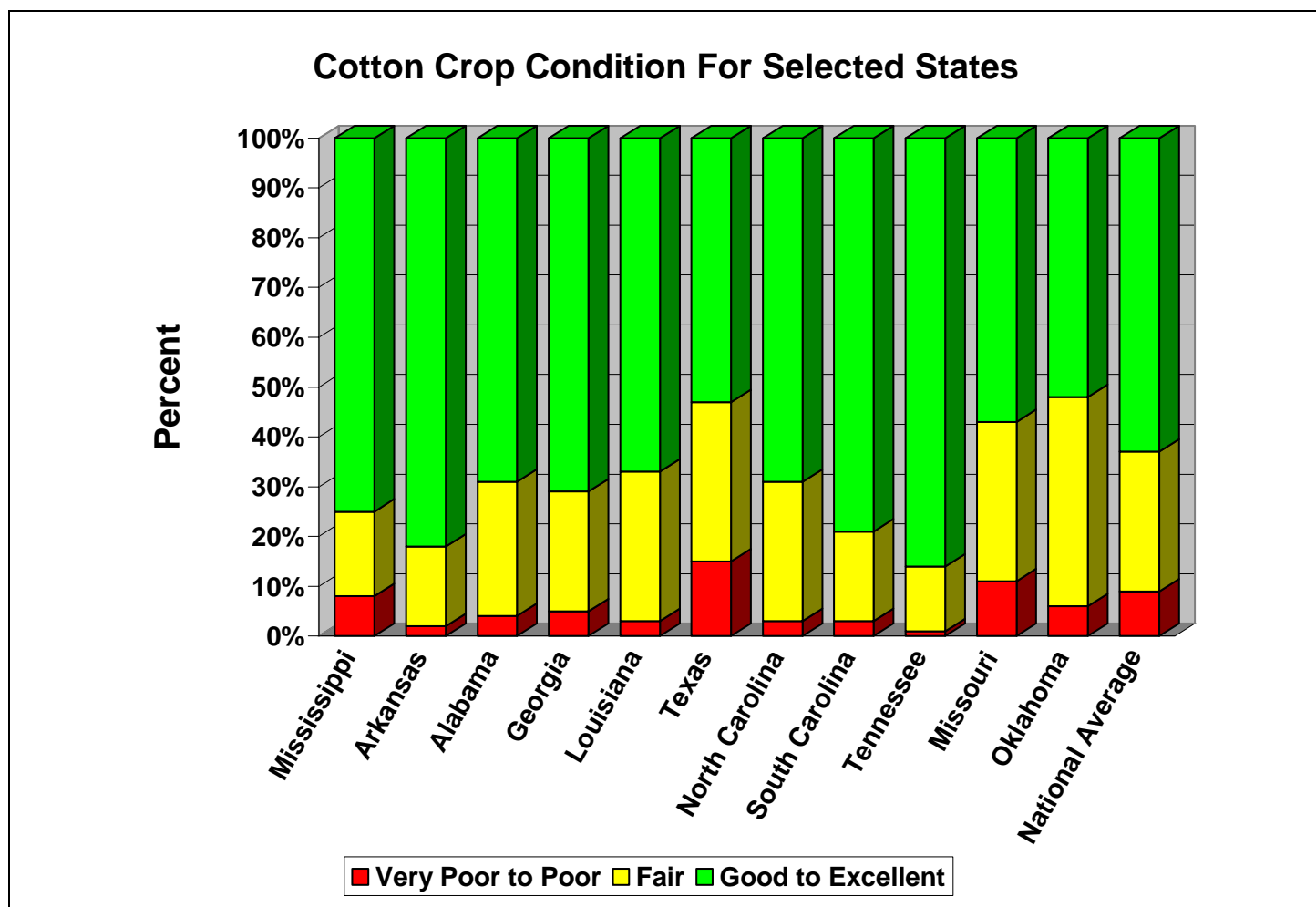
Rice:

With planting complete and emergence well underway, rice started to show signs of heading at 1 percent complete. However, heading was 3 points behind last year and 4 points behind the 5-year average. Nationally, 62 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent, up 1 point from last week. Crop ratings were highest in Mississippi for good to excellent at 88 percent, followed by Texas at 74 percent.

Soybeans:

Soybean planting advanced to 96 percent, up 2 points from last week. Emergence was 92 percent, up 7 points from last week. All states showed improvements since last week for crop progress with the largest gain in

Kentucky, up 10 points. Sixty three percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition, a 1 percent decline from last week.



Cotton Conditions by State:

Tennessee (86 percent), and Arkansas (82 percent) reported the highest percentage of crops in the good to excellent category. Most of the cotton crop in the southern region advanced the national average of 63 percent for crop progress. Crops showing the lowest ratings in the good to excellent category included Oklahoma (52 percent), Texas (53 percent), and Missouri (57 percent).

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